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Preliminary Assessment Summary

Site: Koll Oakmead Center

3350 Scott Blvd.

Santa Clara, CA 95054

Site EPA ID Number: CAD 983566811

Work Assignment Number: 60-14-9J00, ARCSWEST Program

Submitted to: Paul La Courreye

Work Assignment Manager

EPA Region IX

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region IX, under the authority of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) and the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA), has tasked Bechtel Environmental, Inc. to conduct a Preliminary Assessment (PA) at the Koll Oakmead Center site in Santa Clara, Santa Clara County, California.

The purpose of the PA is to review existing information on the site and its environs to assess the threat(s), if any, posed to public health, welfare, or the environment and to determine if further investigation under CERCLA/SARA is warranted. The scope of the PA includes the review of information available from federal, state and local agencies, completion of a target survey, and performance of an onsite reconnaissance visit.

Using these sources of information, the site is then evaluated using EPA's Hazard Ranking System (HRS) criteria to assess the relative threat associated with actual or potential releases of hazardous substances at the site. The HRS has been adopted by the EPA to help set priorities for further evaluation and eventual remedial action at hazardous waste sites. The HRS is the primary method of determining a site's eligibility for placement on the National Priorities List (NPL). The NPL identifies sites at which EPA may conduct remedial response actions. This report summarizes the findings of these preliminary investigative activities.

Koll Oakmead Center was identified as a potential hazardous waste site and entered into the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Information System (CERCLIS) on August 22, 1990 (CAD 983566811).

1.1 **Apparent Problem**

Ground water beneath the Koll Oakmead Center is contaminated with volatile organic compounds.

2.0 SITE DESCRIPTION

Koll Oakmead Center (the site) is located at 3350 Scott Boulevard in Santa Clara, California. The geographic coordinates are approximately 37° 22' 45" N latitude and 121° 59' 5" W longitude. According to the United States Geological Survey Map, Milpitas Quadrangle, the site is located in Section 28, Township 6 South, and Range 1 West of the Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian. The location of the site is shown in Figures 2-1 and 2-2.

Koll Oakmead Center is a 30-acre condominium business park containing 65 individually owned buildings (1). Figure 2-3 is a map of the business park. Since some individuals own more than one building, there are actually only 55 separate owners (1).



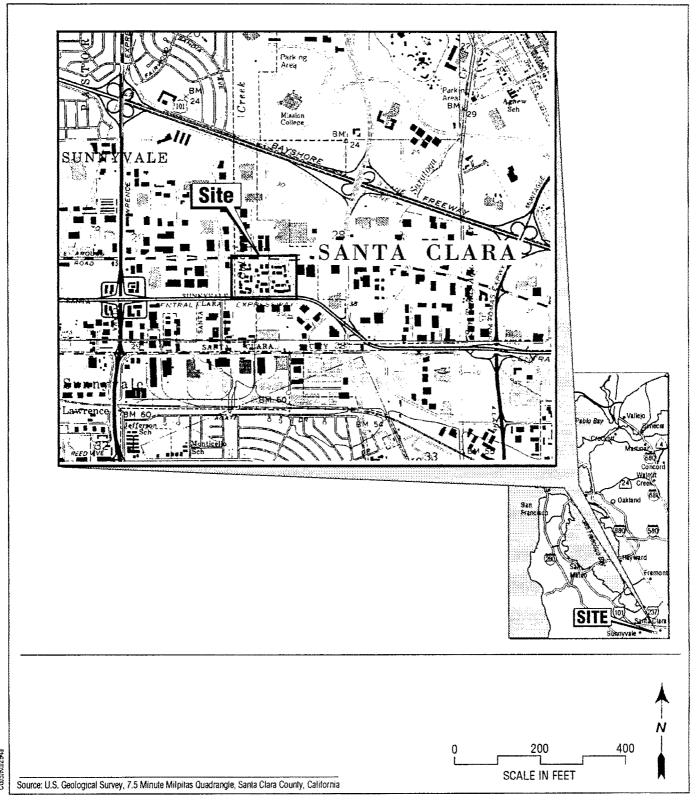


Figure 2-1 Site Location Map

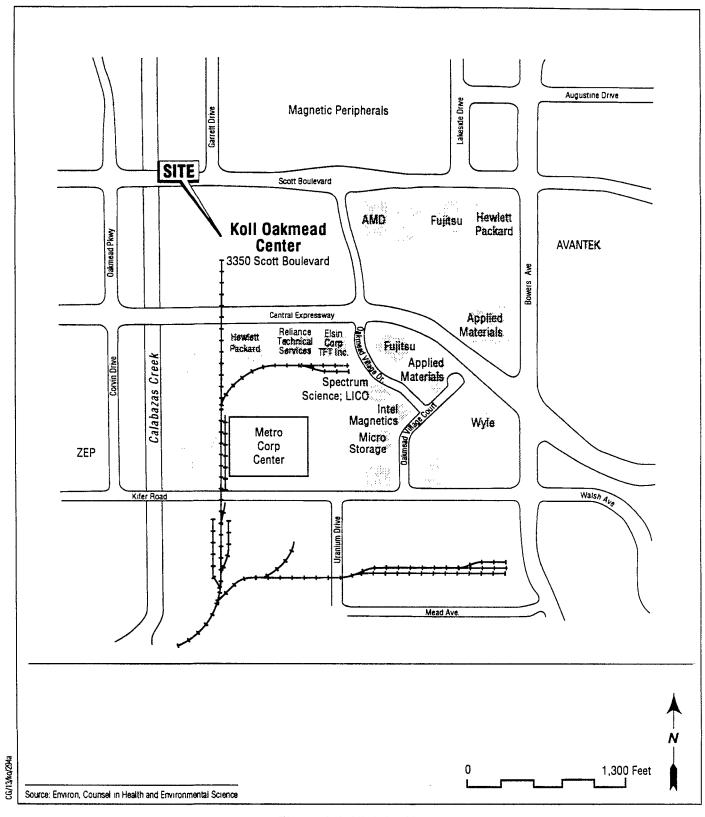


Figure 2-2 Vicinity Map

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Figure 2-3 Business Park Map

3.0 REGULATORY INVOLVEMENT

3.1 California Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) - San Francisco **Bay Region**

In 1986, Monsanto Company, a tenant at Koll Oakmead Center, retained Weiss Associates to conduct a site assessment prior to subleasing Buildings 1 and 2 to Novellus Systems, Inc. Three shallow monitoring wells were installed during this investigation. Monitoring Wells N-1 and N-3 were installed near Building 1. Monitoring Well N-2 was installed regionally upgradient of Building 1 (1). Locations of these three monitoring wells are shown in Figure 3-1.

Ground-water samples from Well N-2 contained concentrations of 1,2-dichloroethene (1,2-DCE) up to 2,600 ppb, trichloroethene (TCE) up to 250 ppb, vinyl chloride up to 100 ppb, and 1,1-dichloroethene (1,1-DCE) up to 14 ppb. Ground-water samples from Wells N-1 and N-3 contained concentrations that were an order of magnitude less than the upgradient Well N-2. Ground-water flow in this area is toward the north-northeast. These sampling results indicated that the ground-water contamination was emanating from an offsite, upgradient source (1).

The RWOCB conducted a soil gas survey and ground-water grab sampling program in April and May of 1988 to investigate potential sources located south (upgradient) of Koll Oakmead Center (2). Ground-water samples were collected from 19 soil gas sampling points on the north and south sides of Central Expressway, and on the north and south sides of suspected, upgradient properties located across the expressway from the site. Figure 3-2 shows the soil gas sampling locations. Analytical results of samples collected from Well N-2 confirmed the existence of a ground-water plume, and identified one edge of the plume. The source of the ground-water contamination in Well N-2 was not found during this investigation (1, 2). Based on these results, the RWQCB required further investigation of Koll Oakmead Center.

In late 1989, the RWQCB issued Order No. 89-177 which required the owners of the buildings inside Koll Oakmead Center to conduct a soil and ground-water investigation. The purpose of this investigation was to determine the source and extent of the ground-water contamination below the southeastern portion (near Well N-2) of the business park (1). Most of the owners responded to this order through the Koll Center Community Association, a non-profit corporation established in 1977.

The characterization program conducted by ENVIRON (a contractor for the Koll Center Community Association) consisted of a soil gas survey and ground-water grab sampling program. Three additional shallow monitoring wells (Wells N-4, N-5 and N-6), and one deeper monitoring well (Well D-1) were installed (3). Soil gas and ground-water samples were all analyzed for volatile organic compounds. Sampling locations are shown in Figure 3-1.

Water level monitoring data from this investigation confirmed that ground-water flow in the shallow zone is toward the north-northeast, consistent with regional flow. It also indicated that the deep zone appeared to be confined with an upward vertical gradient from the deep to the shallow zone. This condition should minimize the potential for downward migration of contaminants from



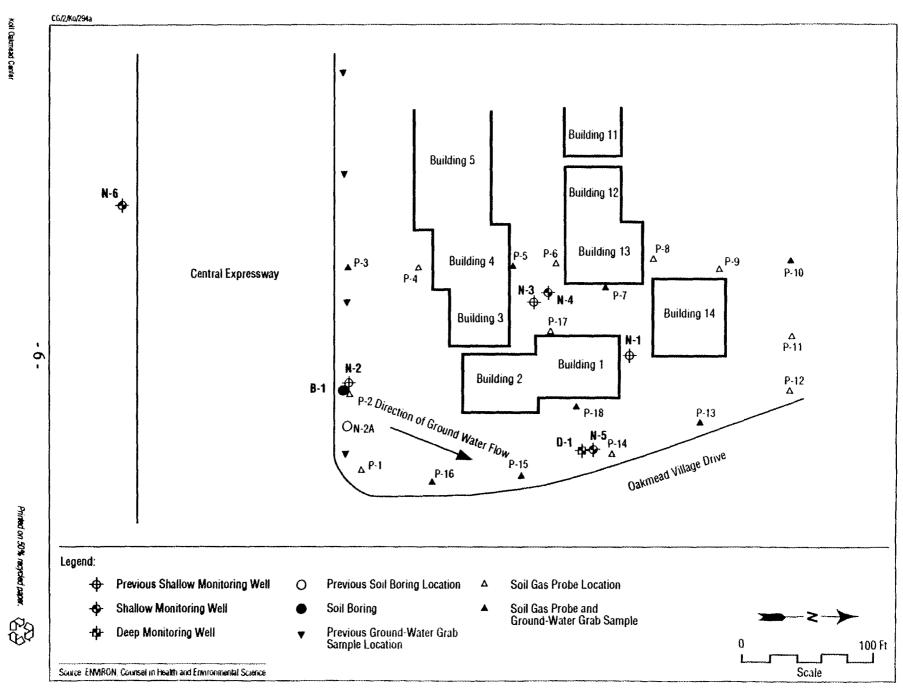


Figure 3-1 Monitoring Well and Sample Location Map

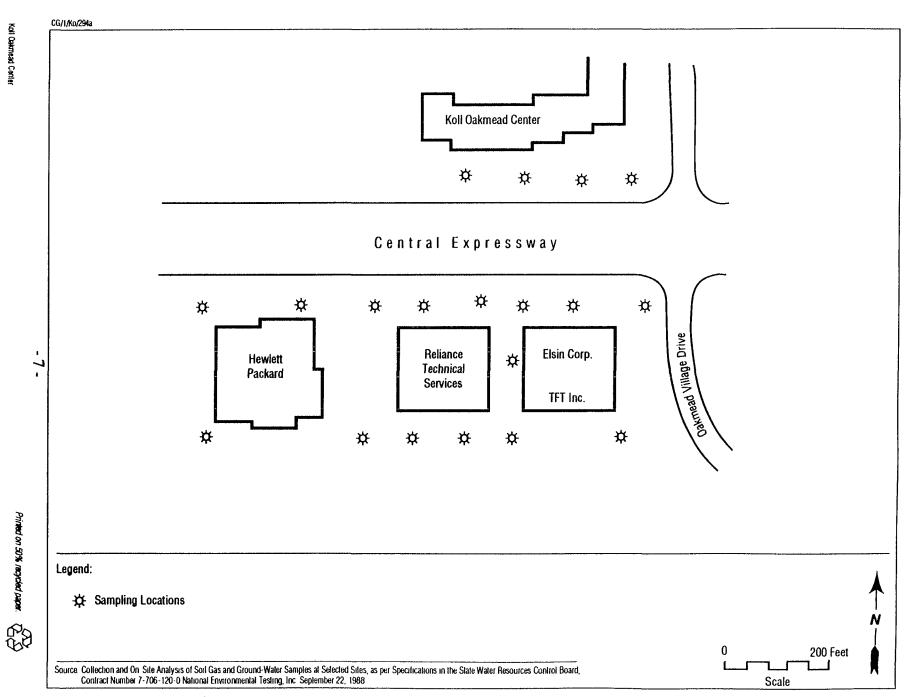


Figure 3-2 Soil Gas Sampling Locations

the shallow zone to the deeper zone. Samples taken from Well D-1 showed no detectable concentrations of volatile organic compounds (3).

The soil, soil gas and ground-water samples indicated the presence of an offsite, upgradient source for the contamination detected in the shallow ground water under Koll Oakmead Center. The specific location of this upgradient source, however, was not defined in this investigation (3).

In March of this year, the Koll Center Community Association and ENVIRON conducted a cone penetrometer survey of soils and ground-water sampling program near the site as required by the RWOCB (4). This survey was designed to provide information on ground-water quality below Central Expressway in the area between the Koll Oakmead Center and facilities to the south.

Cone penetrometer tests were conducted at five locations, which are shown in Figure 3-3. Probe CPT-1 was located near the contaminated Well N-2. The other four probes were located at intervals of approximately 50 feet along an east-west transect through the median strip of Central Expressway. All of the probes were located north (downgradient) of a storm drain which runs down the center of the Central Expressway median. A second storm drain and a sanitary sewer line parallel the southern shoulder of the expressway (4).

Ground-water samples were collected from the shallow zone at discrete depths between 15 and 27 feet below ground surface, and analyzed for volatile organic compounds. Analytical results showed that concentrations of 1,2-DCE were higher than 1,000 ppb in the vicinity of CPT-1 and CPT-3. The highest reported concentration of 1,2-DCE found inside the site occurred at Well N-2, which was located immediately downgradient of CPT-1 and CPT-3. Ground-water samples collected from CPT-2 and CPT-4 showed lower concentrations of 1,2-DCE and other volatile organic compounds. These results, combined with the analytical results from past investigations, showed that the ground-water contamination plume below the site originates from an area under the Central Expressway (4).

On June 21, 1991, the RWQCB informed the Koll Center Community Association that it was in general agreement with the conclusion contained in ENVIRON's reports that an offsite, upgradient source (below the Central Expressway) is affecting ground-water quality under the Koll Oakmead Center. The RWOCB is not requiring the association to perform further remedial investigations at the site, unless new data become available that indicate there are indeed onsite sources of contamination (5).

The RWQCB has now requested the owner of the upgradient property, the Santa Clara County Transportation Agency, to prepare a work plan to further define the source of the ground-water contamination under the Central Expressway (6).

3.2 **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**

In 1989, the EPA conducted a PA of a site (EPA ID CAD 982400012) located under the intersection of Central Expressway at Oakmead Village Drive (See Figure 2-2). This site is best described as an approximately one and one-half acre area of shallow ground-water contamination

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Figure 3-3 Cone Penetrometer and Ground-Water Grab Sample Locations

(7). This ground-water contamination plume is the same plume that was detected near Well N-2 by Weiss Associates. EPA recommended that investigation of this regional ground-water contamination problem be continued under the RWQCB's lead (7).

4.0 SUMMARY OF HRS CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 Waste Type and Characteristics

There are no known sources of volatile organic compounds inside the Koll Oakmead Center. Investigations conducted at the site and surrounding area strongly indicate that the ground-water contamination is emanating from an area under the Central Expressway, located upgradient from the site.

4.2 **HRS Pathway of Concern**

4.2.1 Ground-Water Pathway. The three major ground-water subbasins in the Santa Clara Valley are the Santa Clara Valley, Coyote, and Llagas subbasins. These basins are interconnected and occupy approximately 240,000 acres or approximately 30 percent of the total county land area (8). Koll Oakmead Center is located in the Santa Clara Valley subbasin.

The aguifer system within the Santa Clara subbasin is divided into the following hydrogeologic units: forebay, upper aquifer zone, and lower aquifer zone. The forebay area, which is located four miles south of the site, occurs along the elevated edges of the subbasin in the upper alluvial areas. The forebay consists predominantly of permeable materials with discontinuous or leaky aguitards. In the forebay, clay materials are absent and the aquifer zones form one large, unconfined aquifer (8).

Two major water-yielding zones have been defined in the Santa Clara Valley: a shallower, unconfined to semi-confined zone and a deeper, confined zone. The shallower zone, called the upper aguifer, consists of 80 to 100 feet of saturated sands and gravels with interbedded clays and silts. The depth to ground water in the upper aquifer ranges from 1.1 to 15.8 feet. A deeper, confined aquifer (hereafter called the lower aquifer) is separated from the upper aquifer by about 80 feet of finer-grained marine clays and fine silts with smaller amounts of sand. The lower aquifer begins at 150 feet below the land surface and extends to a depth of approximately 700 feet. It is the principal ground-water source in the Santa Clara Valley (9). Within the forebay region, the aquifers are demonstrated to be hydraulically interconnected.

The City of Santa Clara has 30 ground-water wells, all perforated in the lower aquifer. These wells supply 60 percent of the city's drinking water. The Santa Clara Valley Water District provides 22 percent, and Hetch Hetchy Reservoir contributes the remaining 18 percent. Approximately 93,000 people are served by the City of Santa Clara water distribution system (10).

The pertinent HRS factors for the site are:

- There are no known sources of volatile organic compounds at Koll Oakmead Center.
- The source of ground-water contamination has been determined to be offsite and upgradient.

5.0 EPA RECOMMENDATIONS

No Further Remedial Action Planned under CERCLA	11.29.9
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APPENDIX A REFERENCE LIST

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- 1. California Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB)- San Francisco Bay Region, Site Cleanup Requirements for The Koll Center Community Association & All Owners at and of The Koll Oakmead Center Order No. 89-177, November 15, 1989.
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- 5. Ritchie, Steven R., Executive Officer, and Morse, Stephen I., Chief of the South Bay Toxics Division, RWQCB, Letter to Ms. Donna Blazin of the Koll Center Community Association, June 21, 1991.
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- 10. Ma, Dennis K., Senior Water Engineer, of the City of Santa Clara Water Department, Questionnaire for Santa Clara Department of Water Distribution System, September 27, 1991.



APPENDIX B

CONTACT LOG

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Facility Name: Facility ID:

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Name	Affiliation	Phone #	Date	Information
Jan Fraser	EPA	415-744-2049	7/29/91	Ms. Fraser explained to me the procedure for accessing the RCRA/HWDMS database.
Altagracia Martinez	Computer Science Corp.'s FINDS Database Analyst at EPA	415-744-1792	7/29/91	Ms. Martinez explained the capabilities/features of the FINDS database.
Charlene Williams	CA Dept. of Health Services (DHS)	510-540-3855	7/29/91	Ms. Williams referred me to Ms. Doris Cruz regarding the DHS files.
Altagracia Martinez	Computer Science Corp.'s FINDS Database Analyst at EPA	415-744-1792	7/30/91	Bud Stafford and I met with Ms. Martinez. She gave us a short demonstration of the FINDS database. She said that she sent a "log-on application" for Bechtel to her company.
Dana Blake	Planning Resources Corp.'s RCRA/ HWDMS Database Analyst at EPA	415-744-1483	7/30/91	I met with Mr. Blake at EPA and reviewed the RCRA files.
Steve Morse	CA Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB)	510-464-0304	8/1/91	Referred me to Mr. Greg Bartow, contact person for the Koll Oakmead Center, site.



Name	Affiliation	Phone #	Date	Information
Greg Bartow	CA Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB)	510-464-0741	8/2/91	Mr. Bartow told me that a PA was conducted near the Koll Oakmead Center. The ground-water contamination source is under the Central Expressway. He will send me the PA report.
Greg Bartow	CA Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB)	510-464-0741	8/27/91	I met with Mr. Bartow, and borrowed the ENVIRON environmental reports conducted on the Koll Oakmead Center.
Dennis Ma	Santa Clara Water Dept.	408-984-3183	9/3/91	Mr. Ma told me to send him the Santa Clara Water Dept. Questionnaire that I made. Please see this questionnaire for more information.
Donna Blazin	Community Association Consulting	408-395-4430	9/5/91	I informed Ms. Blazin that EPA and Bechtel are conducting a PA on the Koll Oakmead Center. I told her that I'm sending her the Site Visit Confirmation Letter. She asked me to send a copy of the letter to Ms. Deborah Summers of the Law Offices of Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich and Rosati.
Deborah Summers	Law Offices of Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich and Rosati	415-493-9300	9/10/91	Susan Naughton and I called Ms. Summers. Ms. Summers told us that the RWQCB has already investigated the Koll Oakmead Center site, and has all the information on this site.
Greg Bartow	CA Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB)	510-464-0741	9/10/91	I told Mr. Bartow that I'm sending a professional copier (Legal Beagle) to copy the rest of the Koll Oakmead Center file.



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3. Site Evaluator Information	
Name of Evaluator: Mr. Gary A. Yao Bechtel En	wironmental, Inc. November 4, 1991
Street Address: 50 Beale Street	San Francisco : CA
Mr. Paul Labourreye	75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco	CA (415) 744-2345
4. Site Disposition (for EPA use Only	
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